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Excise Officers Arrest 22, Cite Bar in Terre Haute

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (Aug. 31) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 22 people and cited a bar in Terre Haute this weekend.

This weekend's arrests are part of on-going efforts by State Excise Police officers to promote public safety in college communities around Indiana.

Eleven minors, including three less than 18 years of age, were arrested for illegal possession or consumption of alcohol. Four adults were arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor. One juvenile was also ticketed for possession of tobacco.

A 43-year-old Terre Haute man was cited on preliminary charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, open container violation, driving while suspended and improper display of license plate after he drove past the Vigo County Jail without a license plate displayed on the back of his truck.

Dew Drop Inn, 1805 N. 19th Street, was cited on preliminary charges of failing to maintain minimum food service and failing to maintain receipts on cigarette purchases. Indiana law requires that all restaurants and taverns have certain food available for purchase any time alcoholic beverages are sold for on-premise consumption. Dew Drop Inn has been cited six times since 2009 for a variety of violations.

Six people were also issued tickets for various traffic violations this weekend.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

All respondents are to be presumed not liable until, and unless the plaintiff can prove by preponderance of the evidence the respondent's liability in an administrative hearing.